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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF ARRESTS AND TENSION IN LIBYAN ARMED FORCES

1. REPORTS ARE CIRCULATING IN TRIPOLI, APPARENTLY EMANATING FROM ITALIAN EMBASSY HERE, THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS ARRESTS OF MILITARY OFFICERS IN BENGHAZI. RCC MEMBER MUHAYSHI RUMORED TO HAVE FLED TO EGYPT TO AVOID ARREST. BRITISH EMBASSY SOURCE HAS ALSO HEARD THAT MIRAGE PILOTS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO FLY EVERY AVAILABLE PLANE OUT OF LIBYA TO AIRFIELDS IN EGYPT ON SHORT NOTICE, AND THAT PRIME MINISTER JALLUD HAD GONE TO BENGHAZI TO PRESIDE OVER TRIALS OF OFFICERS ARRESTED.

2. THESE RUMORS COME AT TIME WHEN LIBYAN PRESS AND RADIO ARE MORE OUTSPOKENLY CRITICAL OF EGYPT AND SADAT THAN IN PAST. ONE EDITORIAL JAN 28 TITLED "DOWN WITH THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN AMERICA'S GOOD FAITH" ATTACKED SADAT WITHOUT NAMING HIM, AND CALLED INTO QUESTION HIS RIGHT TO LEAD "ARAB MASSES". ON OTHER SIDE, WE NOTE FROM CAIRO RADIO (FBIS) LIBYAN RESIDENT MINISTER IN CAIRO HAS INFORMED DEPUTY PRIMIN HATIM OF RCC DECISION TO FINANCE 800 MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF PROJECTS IN EGYPT, AND ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HATIM WOULD VISIT LIBYA IN FIRST

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WEEK OF FEBRUARY.

3. ONE EXPLANATION IS THAT THESE CONFLICTING DEVELOPMENTS  
ARE RELATED TO SPLIT LONG RUMORED WITHIN RCC BETWEEN PRO AND  
ANTI-EGYPTIAN FACTIONS.  
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